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SUBJECT : FY 76 IVP - BEGUM SYEDA ABIDA HUSSAIN

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1. I WOULD LIKE TO PUT IN PERSONAL PLUG FOR BEST POSSIBLE
IVP PROGRAMMING OF BEGUM ABIDA HUSSAIN, ARRIVING WASHINGTON
SEPTEMBER 8. SHE IS A MOST OUTSTANDING IVP GRANTEE: BRILLIANT
YOUNG PERSONALITY; HIGHLY ARTICULATE, WITH IMPECCABLE COMMAND
OF ENGLISH; SOPHISTICATED PERSON WELL TRAVELLED IN EUROPE
BUT LITTLE IN U.S.

2. BEGUM HUSSAIN SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE DULLES SEPTEMBER 8 AT
1340 HOURS VIA PANAM 107. HOPE SHE WILL BE WELL MET AND
PROGRAMMED IN WASHINGTON. REALIZE COUNTRY DIRECTOR CONSTABLE
(WHOM SHE KNOWS) ABOUT TO LEAVE ON TRIP BUT HOPE MEET-
ING CAN BE ARRANGED WITH HIM AND OTHER INTERESTED
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. BE SURE GEORGE GRIFFIN INR/RNA/SOA,
ANOTHER FRIEND, IS INFORMED.

3. LATE PROGRAMMING WRINKLES: BEGUM HUSSAIN TELLS ME
SHE HOPES VISIT MRS. JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH IN NEW
ENGLAND. MRS. GALBRAITH HAS WRITTEN INVITING HER TO
VISIT AT COUNTRY PLACE IN VERMONT BEFORE THEY MOVE
TO CAMBRIDGE MID-SEPTEMBER. I ADVISED SHE COULD PROCEED
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FROM WASHINGTON TO VERMONT BEFORE VISITING BOSTON AND OTHER EAST COAST POINTS. SHE AGREED PROGRAM OFFICER COULD MAKE TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ALONG THOSE LINES BEFORE HER ARRIVAL WASHINGTON.

4. ALSO, HER MATERNAL UNCLE, SYED AMJAD ALI (FORMER PAK AMBASSADOR TO U.S. AND U.N.) HAS WRITTEN GOOD NUMBER OF OLD FRIENDS RE NEICE'S VISIT INCLUDING SENATOR SPARKMAN AND EDITOR ABE ROSENTHAL OF NYT. DEPARTMENT MAY RECEIVE INQUIRIES FROM SUCH PERSONS.

5. REFTELS PROVIDE AMPLE SUGGESTIONS FOR EXCELLENT PROGRAM. WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK, NOTE THAT SHE DESIRES VISIT DENVER AREA, AND WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO HER ATLANTA AS SOUTHERN CITY AND LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, AREA FOR HORSE FARM.

6. RE PERSONAL NOMENCLATURE: "SYEDA" IS HER FAMILIAL TITLE (FEMININE FORM OF SYED) FOR MOST FORMAL USAGE. SHE IS NORMALLY CALLED "BEGUM ABIDA HUSSAIN" -- HER MAIDEN NAME WITH PREFIX EQUIVALENT TO "MRS." (SHE DOES NOT USE HER MARRIED NAME, MRS. FAKHAR-E-IMAM, PROFESSIONALLY.)
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